

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure ~~1bis~~ 1 BIS is a schematic axonometric representation of a carousel with an intermittently rotating horizontal axis (R) and a circumference shaped as a polygonal prism (P) whose flat faces (L) are equipped with interchangeable dies (S) featuring twin recesses (G).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 4 illustrates the execution, using means known ~~[[to]]~~ in the art and hence not shown, of a first series of cuts (t) on the flat section (1) of the filter paper (F1).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure ~~7bis~~ 7 BIS, similar to figure 7, illustrates the operation of a concave tamping punch (N) for forming symmetrical pods.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 9 shows, on a duly enlarged scale, the greater flaring (W) of the cuts (t) during the action of the forming punch (M), which serves to obtain a deeper depression (C). It may be noted that the action of the flat tamping punch (N') has compacted the entire dose flush with the face of the prism so as to create an asymmetrical pod. Figure ~~9bis~~ 9 BIS, similar to figure 9, shows, on a duly enlarged scale, the lesser flaring (I) of the cuts (t) during the action

of a forming punch (M) serving to obtain a shallower depression (C). It may be noted that the action of the concave tamping punch (N) has compacted the coffee so as to create a symmetrical pod.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 10bis 10 BIS, similar to figure 10[1,2] and refers to the operating sequence for producing symmetrical compacted pods.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 12bis 12 BIS illustrates the separation of symmetrical pods (E).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 13bis 13 BIS illustrates, on a duly enlarged scale, the separation of a type (E) symmetrical compacted pod.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 14bis 14 BIS is an axonometric view of a symmetrical compacted pod (E).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 15bis 15 BIS is a front view of a symmetrical compacted pod (E).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures ~~19bis, 20bis, 21 bis and 22bis~~ 19 BIS, 20 BIS, 21 BIS and 22 BIS are similar to figures 19,20, 21 and 22 and represent the action of a concave punch (N"), which is such as to increase the degree of compacting of the same dose of product to create a concave asymmetrical pod.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figures ~~19ter, 20ter, 21ter and 22ter~~ 19 TER, 20 TER, 21 TER and 22 TER represent the action of a concave punch (N), which is such as to increase the degree of compacting of the same dose of product to create a symmetrical pod.

Please add an Abstract at page 13 as follows: